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Proposed Bill No. 854

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Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Aging

Introduced by:

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AN ACT CONCERNING ELIGIBILITY LEVELS FOR CONNPAGE PART A.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 That section 17b-492 of the general statutes be amended to: (1)
- 2 Increase income eligibility limits to two hundred per cent of federal
- 3 poverty levels; (2) repeal section 36(a)(1) of public act 00-2 to eliminate
- 4 the Commissioner of Social Services' ability to require prior
- 5 authorization of any initial prescription of a drug covered under
- 6 Medicaid, state-administered general assistance, general assistance or
- 7 the ConnPACE program that costs five hundred dollars or more for a
- 8 thirty-day supply; and (3) amend subsection (d) of section 38 of public
- 9 act 00-2 to eliminate the Department of Social Services' ability to
- 10 override a physician's decision in prescribing a name brand drug

11 under Medicaid, state-administered general assistance, general
12 assistance or the ConnPACE program.

Statement of Purpose:

To increase income eligibility levels for ConnPACE Part A, to eliminate the need for prior authorization for any initial prescription costing five hundred dollars or more for a thirty-day supply and eliminate the Department of Social Services' ability to override a physician's prescribing of a brand name drug over a generic drug.